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In re application of:

Shigeru UMINO et al.

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GROUP 1775

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STEEL SHEET HAVING SURFACE-TREATED ZINC-BASED PLATING

AMENDMENT

MS AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 29, 2004

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of July 27, 2004, the period for response having been extended one month to November 27, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.